

Lincoln Memorial Commission
OF
Rhode Island

To the People of Rhode Island:

The LINCOLN MEMORIAL COMMISSION OF RHODE ISLAND, recently organized for the purpose of supervising the erection of an heroic size bronze memorial monument to Abraham Lincoln, to be erected on a fitting site on the grounds of our State House, does hereby, through its COMMITTEE ON SUBSCRIPTIONS, cordially invite the public to subscribe.

Subscriptions may be sent to Hon. Walter A. Read, Treasurer, Room 102, State House, Providence, or to any local newspaper. Due acknowledgment of such subscriptions will be made by personal letter or through the columns of the press.

The Committee, believing that the honor of making a collective contribution to this fund for the erection of the memorial should be accorded to the pupils of the schools of Rhode Island, desires that a collection be taken by each class in every school in the state on February 12, 1914, the anniversary of Lincoln's birth, thus giving prominence to the great educational feature of this movement on a date which is closely associated with the subject of the memorial. Contributions from each pupil should be limited to TEN CENTS, and teachers, principals or superintendents are requested to forward amounts collected as soon after February 12th as possible to Hon. Walter A. Read, Treasurer, State House, Providence, together with the name of the school and grade making the contribution. Parents are invited to send to the schools on that day, by their children, such further contributions as they desire, to be credited to the amount subscribed by each class. It is purposed to give, at some future time, to each school or grade subscribing, a suitable souvenir of the memorial.

Believing that the Patriotic Societies of the state are interested in this movement to furnish an example of patriotic sentiment which is to endure for all time, the Committee urge such societies to make contributions or subscriptions at the earliest opportunity, to be forwarded to Hon. Walter A. Read, Treasurer, State House, Providence, or to the newspapers of the city or town in which they are located.

It is intended by the Commission, when the funds therefor are in hand, to erect a memorial monument which shall be worthy of the people of Rhode Island, and a fitting memorial to the great Lincoln, to be completed, erected and dedicated in April, 1915, if the funds can be procured in time and the work completed. Should it be found impossible to complete the work by April, 1915, a time for dedication as soon thereafter as possible will be selected.

It is estimated that the amount required for the completion of this memorial and the erection thereof on a suitable base on the State House grounds will be \$15,000, but should the public respond with a larger amount the plans of the Commission will be enlarged. The work finally will be such that the people of Rhode Island can point to it with pride.

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